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## Subsea Compression Applications– Panel Session

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*In 1996 Urs Baumann joined MAN Diesel & Turbo, Switzerland. During the first four years he was responsible for the mechanical development of the compressors built in Zurich. Since 2000 Urs Baumann is the Manager of the Calculation and Development department of MAN Diesel & Turbo in Zurich. His responsibilities include the aerodynamic and mechanical development of turbocompressors and associated components, as well as the implementation and maintenance of test stands and analytical tools needed to perform this task. His department comprises also a Product Development Group mainly focusing on high-speed motor driven, magnetically suspended compressors.*



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## **ABSTRACT**

The use of Subsea gas compression technology for subsea re-injection and/or gas transport boosting represents a new and exciting application for rotating equipment, which will allow new gas/condensate field production opportunities, enhanced recovery of existing gas/condensate fields and cost effective production from marginal gas fields.

This panel session includes short presentations on the benefits of subsea compression, an overview of currently ongoing projects, and recent advances and technologies that are available and/or under development for subsea gas compression.

The panel session includes presentations from SIEMENS ENERGY, MAN DIESEL & TURBO, GE OIL & GAS, and DRESSER-RAND and. The respective presentation titles are:

- Subsea Electrical Distribution – Siemens Energy
- HOFIM™ Type Compressors for Subsea Applications – MAN Diesel & Turbo
- GE Oil & Gas Experience in Subsea Gas Compression– GE Oil & Gas
- DATUM I Compressor for Subsea Applications: Update on Qualification Efforts- Dresser-Rand